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# WHO WILL NOT HELP BRO. WEST, OF WAYNESBORO?

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—Enclosed find \$8.50 which is a contribution from some of our good sisters and a couple of brethren of Ellsville church for the benefit of Brother West. It may be that others of my people have sent or will send help.

Brother Ray reports contributions from other States. I thank God for such noble, unselfish Christians as they are, and I will say to them that they never helped a better cause or a more worthy object. 'Tis true that the name of Wilson West has not been heralded through the papers of the country, but his work for Jesus is treasured up in heaven. Only think of it; a man of God who, for nearly forty years of self-sacrifice and toil, has preached the gospel to thousands, and has baptized about 1,400 souls, and now in his declining years is suffering the pinch of poverty, with no home of his own where, (with his family,) he may rest his weary head.

Can we rest until he is comfortably located? Dear reader, send money to office of Baptist Record or to Ed. S. O. Y. Ray, Meridian, Miss.

Fraternally,  
O. D. BOWEN.  
Ellsville, Miss.

# BOUND TO HAVE IT

I must and will have it, exclaimed the little man and he dashed the paper to the floor, jumped from his chair and brought his clinched hand down on the table vigorously; then, nipping his brow and adjusting his glasses, he seated himself, seized his pen and in a nervous, excited hand wrote: D. M. Ferry & Co., Seedsmen, Detroit, Mich., Gentlemen: Referring to your advertisement in the National Intelligencer, I notice that you say that your Seed Annual for 1892 is free to all applicants. As I buy considerable quantities of vegetable and flower seeds each spring, I would esteem it a favor if you would mail me your Catalogue. My neighbors say it is the best.

Very truly yours,  
RICHARD DOE.  
MARRIED.

December 15, at the residence of the bride's father, Jenkins, by Rev. R. A. Cooper, Mr. E. G. Lowry to Miss Jennie M. Jenkins.

EAST—WALKER—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Walker, at Johnson Station, Miss., on December 31, 1891, Mr. W. E. East to Miss Lula M. Walker, by Rev. Chas. H. Otken.

At the bride's father in Franklin county, Miss., December 10, 1891, Mr. Benj. L. Bankston and Miss Samantha E. Ezell. May the blessings of God attend their way and make the union in which they have entered a happy one.

W. J. WEATHERLY.

At the residence of Mrs. Fannie McLeod, of Noxubee county, Miss., December 30, 1891, Mr. E. W. Cunningham, of Meridian, Miss., to Miss Allie C. Tucker, of Noxubee county, Rev. E. W. Spencer, officiating.

DUCK—CORKRAN—At the residence of the bride's father, Amite county, Miss., December 10, 1891, by Elder Thomas Lansdell, Mr. E. M. Duck and Miss L. A. Corkran.

CAUSEY—ROBERTS—At the residence of the bride's mother, Amite county, Miss., December 24, 1891, by Elder Thomas Lansdell, Mr. J. Marion Causey to Miss Sarah Roberts.

SMITH—STEPHENSON.

At the home of Mrs. Stephenson, the bride's mother, by Rev. W. M. Gordon, Prof. L. A. Smith, of Poplar Springs, and Miss Emma Stephenson, of Tyra, Miss., were married Nov. 26, 1891. She won a noble husband, and he a sweet, energetic wife. Both Baptists. They left next day for Poplar Springs, their future home, where the groom has a position in the school.

LANGSTON—NORFLEET.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. L. Norfleet, by Rev. W. M. Gordon, Mr. George Langston and Miss Annie Norfleet, were married Dec. 9, 1891.

MARRIED, at Meridian, on the 4th inst., by Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, Mr. S. V. Edwards of West Point Miss., and Miss M. O. Mason of Inney, Ala.

DIED.

On the fifth day of October, last, Brother Green Bledsoe, while standing near a cotton press that was being raised, was accidentally killed by the falling of the press.

Brother Bledsoe had been a member of Bethel church, Carroll county, for many years.

He was baptized by the Rev. H. Pittman in the year 1847 or 1848, at Old Middleton and has ever since been a consistent member of the Baptist church. He was a true Baptist, an unwavering Christian; actuated by a boundless love for and a never faltering faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He was ever patient and kind to all; ever watching the youthful soul. He was always ready to give good advice to the young and encourage them to the old, in the work of the Lord.

A good man, a benevolent neighbor, a true friend, and an indulgent father has gone where death hath no sting and the grave no victory.

Funeral services were held at the church on the first Lord's Day in November, 1891.

W. E. COLLINS, S. S. MONDAY, Committee.

On September 1, Brother Columbus Ball passed away. He, with his wife, had been to pay their last respects to a friend. On their way home from the country they were both thrown from the wagon, from the effects of which he died in a few hours. He joined Cherry Creek Church in 1867, where he lived and was loved till his death.

On September 27, Brother R. D. Caldwell fell asleep in Jesus, in the fifty-second year of his age. In 1851 he joined Cherry Creek Church on a profession of faith. In health, his life was exemplary; in sickness his faith shone more brightly and clear.

For ten long years he was an invalid, but was quite cheerful to the end. To his family, he was a very precious one, and to give him up was a trial in which nothing but the grace of God could sustain him.

On the morning of October 16, Sister Frankie Smith, consort of Deacon Elijah Smith, of blessed memory, ceased her struggles below to enter the rest above. She had been a prof-

essor of Christ about sixty-two years, having joined Cherry Creek Church by letter in 1851. Her last illness was long and tedious. She never realized the blessing of a mother's love, being left motherless when quite small; but in this last illness, in the eighty-second year of her age, she repeatedly called "mother," apparently with all the expectation of a child. How unending the name—mother! In reply to the question from her pastor, she nodded assent and she has gone.

In the eighty-fifth year of her age, Sister Silvia Cannon died in the triumph of a living faith, on October 18. Her hearing was distinct and mind was clear in a remarkable degree to the last. How precious to her were the songs of Zion and the prayers of God's people. Among those who prayed with her—and they were many—it was said the most fervent and feeling prayer was offered by a negro, whom years ago she taught to read and who is now preaching that Bible she had taught him. She joined Cherry Creek Church in 1851, in whose fellowship she lived until she laid down the armor of earth.

Another mother in Israel, Sister Dorothy Suber, after more than fifty years of service passed into the rest of the people of God, on December 11. She had joined Cherry Creek Church on a letter given in South Carolina. Had she lived one day longer she would have been seventy-seven years old. Through her life she loved the service of God's house. She shall be missed; her seat is empty.

These are all laid in our beautiful cemetery hard by the church where, for more than twenty-five years, the voices of their children and grand children have been heard in Sabbath School every Sabbath morning. Here they sweetly slept till the trump of God shall wake them from the dead. Since they have made our paths smoother than theirs; and since their new made graves forcibly remind us, shall we not give to the world and the Master more useful lives even than theirs were?

R. A. COOPER.

Mrs. M. J. Perry, after a long and painful illness, patiently and sweetly breathed her last at 6 o'clock Monday night, Nov. 30, 1891, at the residence of Mrs. Dr. A. Galloway, in Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Perry was born May 30, 1848, and joined the Baptist church at Boiling Springs, S. C., when 16 years of age. In 1865 she moved, with her father, to Mississippi, and united with the New Hope Baptist church, Madison county, of which she remained a member until her death.

She died as she had lived, a Christian. She told her daughter that she was ready and willing to go, and asked her to meet her in Heaven. She leaves three children, a sister and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

"Thine sweet for trusting friends to know,  
That friendship never can die;  
And that with time it will brighten grow,  
And live beyond the sky."

ONE WHO KNEW HER.

Near Steen's Creek, Miss., at her parents' home, Dec. 10, 1891, Mary Steen, age 8 years, 4 months and 17 days. Her stay on earth, though short, was exemplified by a spirit of obedience to her parents, and of love to her brothers, sisters and schoolmates; and hence the funeral services were attended by a large concourse of the little folks, weeping for their friend. Little Mary was not for God took her.

"There hand to hand, firm linked at last,  
And heart to heart enfolded all;  
We'll smile upon the troubled past,  
And wonder why we wept at all."

WAYNE SUTTON.

W. L. Gordon, son of Rev. W. M. Gordon, born March 2, 1868; died July 18, 1891. A noble son, a kind brother, and, best of all, a true Christian, has left us. Yes, dear brother, parted, but not without a hope to meet "over there." Oh, how sad Christmas will be. We have never spent one without thee. We now see through a glass darkly, but soon we will see you face to face. God give; He take away. His will, not ours, be done. Why should we weep? God hath need of our loved ones. He will need call us; then we'll meet to part no more. 'Twas hard to give you up, but sweet to feel thou art with Jesus.

Christmas morning, at Ocean Springs, we laid in the silent grave the remains of an elder sister, Mrs. Jane Burney. She had been a member of the Baptist church for forty or fifty years. She had no fear of death; was perfectly willing to die. "O death where is thy sting?" May the Lord sanctify this dispensation of His providence to the spiritual welfare of the bereaved ones.

J. O. GREEN.

Elias Grayson, a graduate of the Capital Commercial College, left yesterday for Washington city to accept a position as private secretary to Congressman Batner, of Louisiana. In this connection we note with pride the increasing popularity of this institution. The great good it is doing is appreciated by the business public. Some of the best business men in the state have been recently supplied with book-keepers and other office help by Professors Wyatt & Sharp through their employment agency—Duffy, Clanton, Jackson, Miss.

Bro. W. J. Weatherly, from Hamburg, Miss., to Clinton. His correspondents will address him hereafter at the latter place.

# THE MUSICIANS' GUIDE.

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Dear Record:

As many perhaps will be giving you brief sketches of their Christmas experience, it may not be amiss for me to burden you a little also.

I will begin by reporting marriages at which I officiated.

1. Miss Laura Arrington to Mr. Henry Hoxey.

2. Mr. L. E. Evans to Miss Ella Windham.

3. Prof. Wilkinson to Miss Sallie Heidelberg.

4. Mr. G. B. Travis to Miss Ida Legett.

Mr. Hoxey is a young man of promise. Miss Laura is one of our best girls. Mr. Evans is a railroad man of good appearance and Mr. Legett is a fine looking young lady of good family. Prof. Wilkinson is a young man of fine intelligence and earnest piety. Miss Sallie is a daughter of Senator Heidelberg, of Jasper county, and is every respect an excellent young lady. Mr. Travis is a deacon in our Shady Grove Church. H. is a young farmer of industry and intelligence. Miss Ida is a beautiful young woman of 17 summers. How our young brother could have secured the hand and won the heart of one so much better looking than himself, can be understood only on the hypothesis that "the brave deserve the fair."

Enough on the subject of matrimony. I was enabled to spend Christmas at home by traveling on the train, a part of the previous night. We have three children married—two daughters and a son. Our daughters and their husbands were with us at dinner. Our son, who is the oldest child, was unable to be here, very much to the regret of his mother. He sent her his check for \$10.00, with instructions to buy some presents for herself and the children, and if she had any money left she might get something for Pa. I have taught him from his childhood to love his mother better than me. Don't you think I have succeeded?

The most pleasant event of the season occurred yesterday (New Year's day). We were "pounded." Seventy-five or a hundred parcels of various things, making an aggregate of considerable value, were sent up in a day and we were informed that they were intended for the family of the Baptist pastor. It would have done you good to have seen the little Ha's on the receipt of the various articles sent us. About a half dozen or more of them began to haul them out, and when they had completed the job of unloading, they decided that their mother ought to have a fire in the stove in the kitchen.

These tokens of a peoples regard and affection, represent to us that which can't be carried on a drag, that which has no equivalent in dollars and cents.

That heavens blessing may be with them and that this may be a prosperous year for the Record is the prayer of yours and theirs to serve.

L. E. HALL.

Hattiesburg, Jan. 2, 1892.

OUR CONVENTION SERIES.

The first work of the new Board is now laid before the Sunday Schools of the Convention. We have sought to improve the appearance of each one of the periodicals, and how far success has been achieved, must be left to the judgement of our brethren. I have had so little agency in this work, being only a member of the Board, that it is not unbecoming in me, to speak of its merits. As regards both appearance and quality of matter, we have not attained all we desire, yet we shrink not for one moment from comparison with any other similar literature. Dr. Frost is steadily growing in the esteem of the Board, for wisdom, integrity and capacity, and it is all praise God to give him twenty years in this work I predict that the first Secretaryship will become illustrious. A vast responsibility has been laid, and it is being met by a man of God, who will be specially presiding, is going to be as invaluable as it is beautiful. Into it will be poured the best treasures of his mind and heart, and I believe that our pastors, as well as Sunday School teachers, will find it indispensable.

Dr. Boykin is a veteran in this work. His excellent articles and long experience are a sufficient guarantee of the worth of the Quarterlies, the "Gem" and the "Kind Words" paper, all of which will be specially under his care. The first work of perfecting our series is engrossing all energies now, but the vast destitution of the convention, and the work it calls for, are by no means forgotten. He impresses the Board with a profound sense of the need of divine guidance, and the cordial sympathy and support of our brethren.

According to a general feeling of the fitness of things, our literature has come to be called, as by common

# THE CONVENTION SERIES.

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W. R. L. SMITH, President of Board.

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